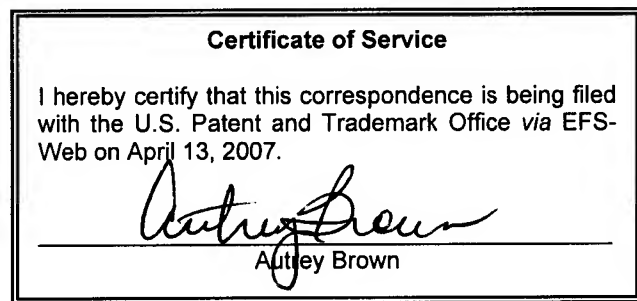


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of:	§	Confirmation No.: 1813
Timothy Charles Ramsey Prickett <i>et al.</i>	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Application No. 10/561,119	§	
	§	Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: December 15, 2005	§	
	§	Attorney Docket No.: 36697.17
For: ASSESSMENT OF SKELETAL GROWTH	§	
USING MEASUREMENTS OF NT-CNP	§	
PEPTIDES	§	

**1. PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; AND**  
**2. RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

**Mail Stop Missing Parts**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendment. A response to the Notice of Missing Requirements in the present application dated November 13, 2006 ("the Notice"), for which the first date for response was January 13, 2007, is also submitted; the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendment and consider the response. A Petition for an Extension of Time of Three Months, to and including April 13, 2007 (which is within the statutory period for reply), is included to render the amendment and response timely submitted.

Should any fees be deemed necessary for any reason in connection with the present submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary amount from Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 36697.17.